Bible & Daily Living

'Friday come Sunday'

By BILL TRIMYER
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Lesson for April 11, 1982
Bible Study Passages: John 20:1-10, 19-20
INTRODUCTION

As a child I used to spend my summers with my grandparents on their farm in North Carolina. I used to marvel at how late evening thunderstorms would roll in from the western sky. All night the rumbles of thunder and crackling lightening would brighten the cloud-filled sky. In the morning I would open my sleepy eyes to the warmth of the bright morning sun peeking through the giant oak tree just outside my bedroom window.

Sometime, life gets pretty dark and stormy before light comes. This was true for Jesus as he faced the mounting hostility of those bent upon destroying him. Good Friday came and Christ faced the ordeal of trial and crucifixion at the hands of Pilate and the bloodthirsty crowd.

Good Friday? What's so good about Good Friday? It was black Friday as Jesus faced the inhumane treatment of the opposition. But Christ knew that once he experienced Friday, Sunday was coming. Friday come Sunday and the resurrection from death.

It's Friday now throughout the world. We see suffering, death, hatred, injustice, oppression and hunger. It's Friday, but Sunday is coming! One day God will intervene and bring to a close the affliction that many humans experience. Someday there will be no more suffering, death, hatred, injustice, oppression and hunger. Someday......and Sunday will dawn!

The Stone Rollen Away [John 20:1-2]

Women played an active role in the life of Christ, a fact which the church has often been slow to recognize. Following the crucifixion, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb to complete the annointing of Christ's body for burial. To her utter astonishment the stone guarding the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away.

When Mary and those women with her discovered the open tomb of Jesus, she made haste to tell the disciples. Her biggest concern was that grave robbers had come or that the body of Jesus had been taken by certain followers or enemies of Jesus.

What is most touching here is Mary's willingness to enter the tomb of Christ in order to give him the proper burial rites. It was a loving act to do for Jesus what was customarily done for any person who died.

He is Risen [John 20:3-10]

Can you picture Peter and John sprinting to the tomb of Jesus? Half afraid and half excited they run to the tomb to see for themselves what had happened. And what do they find? They find only the death clothes of Jesus lying around as though he who once occupied them had quickly left without them.

To gaze into an empty tomb where a dead man once lay would send cold chills up one's spine. We can imagine Peter boldly entering the tomb of Jesus, only to discover that he was no longer there. He had risen, just as he said he would! Of course, the idea that Jesus would be resurrected had not quite sunk in for Peter and John. Their inclination was to go home, perhaps to reflect on this strange phenomenon and to carry on their grieving. No doubt they left that tomb pondering over his words, "and after three days I will come forth....."

A Convincing Appearance [John 20:19-20]

Jesus could not have fulfilled his mission had he not made a final appearance to his followers. He had to make sure they were convinced of who he was and what he was about. He needed once more to impress upon them the authority of the Kingdom of God, his role as sacrificial lamb, and their commitment to proclamation of his Kingdom.

Imagine the disciples meeting to share their fears and confusion over the preceding events. Imagine as they talk that Jesus enters into their midst and says, "Peace unto you." And if that were not enough, he showed them his hands and his side. And when the disciples saw the scars of his hands and side, they nearly jumped for joy. He is risen!

The resurrection is both mystery and reality. Only by faith and the word of God do we acknowledge its truth. Sunday comes..... and with it the triumphant shout of hope!

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Pastor Speaks

By P. R. Hale
Appomattox Courthouse and Walker's Presbyterian Churches

Next Sunday we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We call that Easter. This is something to really celebrate! What an astonishing claim we make! That *one who had died* and been buried was resurrected to life!

This is not our experience. We know of no one who has been through this. Yet it is true! How else can you account for the way the disciples, who had been scattered, afraid and disappointed, turned into fearless people proclaiming the events to which they were witnesses?

It really happened! Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He lives! For more than twenty centuries, the church has proclaimed this truth. We would do well to consider it. Since he really did rise from the tomb, what does that say to the way I live, relate to others, work. What does it say to my values in life, my goals and attitudes?

Service slated at Rocks

Rocks Baptist Church will conduct an Easter Sunday morning sunrise service on April 11 at 6 a.m. The service will be held at the Old Rocks grounds. Guests are welcomed.

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Easter Events

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have a cookout for the entire church on Saturday at 5:30 p.m., with an Easter Egg hunt for the children before supper.

The Pathlighters will be guests and present special music after the supper.

The public is invited to attend.

Reedy Springs

The Reverend Floyd Tidsworth, director of missions, West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, will conduct an Easter Revival at the Reedy Springs Baptist Church April 7 through April 11 at 7:30 each evening.

Services will end Easter Sunday morning.

The Reverend Tim Kerr, minister of the church, cordially invites the public to attend.

Springfield

The Heavenly Messengers of Lynchburg will be in concert at Springfield Baptist Church on Easter Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

Chestnut Grove

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Appomattox will sponsor a very special program of inspirational music on Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m.

Music will be provided by the Travelers of Prospect, the Gospel Crown of Naruna, and the Southern Jubilees of Brookneal.

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Yellow Branch

Easter weekend at Yellow Branch Baptist Church on Rt. 29, 8 miles south of Lynchburg, will begin with a community Easter egg hunt for children at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. 'Sugar' the lovable rabbit, 'Egg Roll' the Chinese Pigeon, and Sly Ci, the magician will participate. Bring your children and a small basket or bag, we furnish the eggs.

Sunday services begin at 6:00 a.m. with a sunrise service, followed by coffee, juice, donuts, sweet rolls and fellowship. Special worship service at 11:00 a.m. and the Rustburg Christian Chorus will present an Easter cantata "Then Came Sunday," at 7:30 p.m.

Appomattox Assembly

The Appomattox Assembly will not hold its regular meeting this week due to "Passion Week Services", but will meet again next Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly is asking everyone to please be present as the guest speaker will be Miss Mary Walker who is presently with the Appomattox County Welfare system.

Inspiration at Galilee

Inspirational services were held at Galilee this past Sunday. Rev. Robert Jones delivered a very touching message and the YSD Singers sang beautiful selections.

Rev. Tim Lawing and the YSD Singers were special guests at Mt. Pleasant last Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Lawing presented a message concerning crosses. All present enjoyed the service.

The Sunday school department and the youth services department will present an Easter program this coming Sunday at 3 p.m, A special added attraction is scheduled for that day. Please support the Sunday School in this effort.

All members are reminded that a special church meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17. Deacons and trustees are meeting at 5:30 and the members will meet at 6:00. Please be present.

Mrs. Margaret Collier, sister of Rev. R. Q. Lawing, and Mrs. Phyllis Adams, of Blackstone, Va. visited here Tuesday.

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Candidates for delegate or alternate shall qualify by filing in person, by messenger or by mail with H. G. Lawson, Courtland Office Building, Appomattox, Virginia, Appomattox County Democratic Chairman, on or before 5:00 p.m. April 16, 1982. Application should include a $10.00 non-refundable filing fee. All filing fees shall be waived by signing of statement by the candidate that he or she is unable to pay the fee.

Each person filing for delegate or alternate shall sign a statement certifying that they are a registered voter in Appomattox County ; that they subscribe to the principles of the Democratic Party and that they do not intend to support any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee in the ensuing election.

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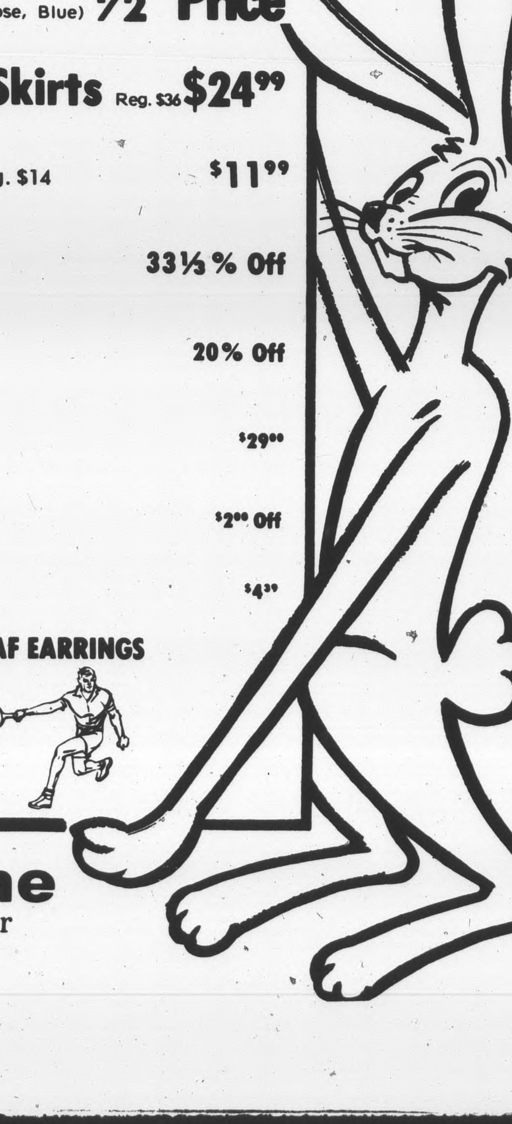

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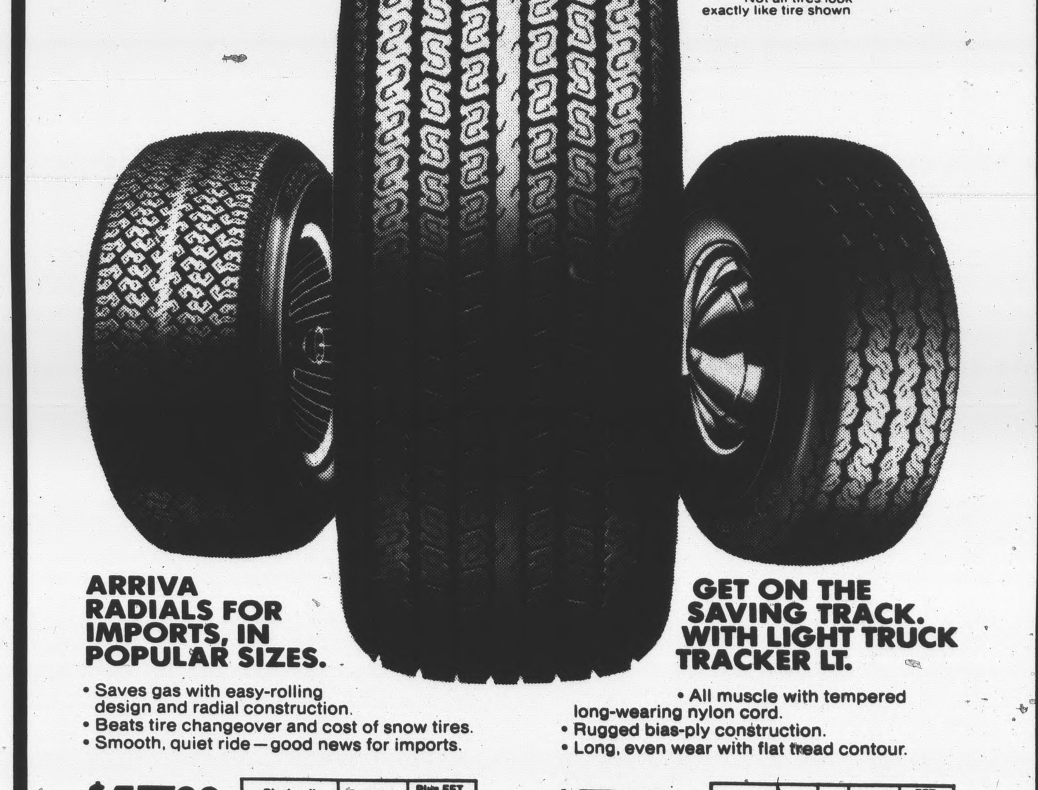

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Miss Patricia Gail Nantz

Nantz, Vaughn to wed

Mrs. Amanda Nantz of Fayetteville, North Carolina announces the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Gail Nantz to James Lee Vaughn the son of Leota Vaughn Taylor of Appomattox and the late Herman Lee Vaughn. Miss Nantz is the daughter of the late Shelby Nantz. He is the nephew of Margaret V. Garrett of Evergreen and Mary Jane Vaughn of Appomattox.

Vaughn is a 1980 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is now serving with the United States Navy.

The wedding will be an event of Sunday, April 18 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Carter, Henderson to wed

The marriage of Janice G. Carter to Kenneth A. Henderson will take place on May 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gagneur of Appomattox. She is presently employed by Amelia Dress Co.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Henderson of Spout Spring He is employed by Babcock and Wilcox.

Following the ceremony a reception in their honor will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Kenneth Henderson. Although no invitations are being sent all relatives and friends are invited to attend the reception.

The couple will reside in Appomattox after a short wedding trip.

Couple honored

Mrs. William Chenault, Mrs. Abner Scruggs, both of Appomattox, Mrs. Mathew Lair of Roanoke, and Mrs. Michael Boggs of Durham, N. C. entertained on Saturday morning, April 3 at the John Mosby Inn with a brunch in honor of Miss Brenda Bryant and Mr. Michael Doss.

Guests attending included Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bryant, parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman, grandparents of the bride, members of the wedding party and out of town guests.

The wedding of Miss Bryant and Mr. Doss was an event of Saturday, April 3, at four o'clock in the afternoon at Liberty Baptist Church.

Social News

'Little Miss' pageant plans now underway

Plans for Appomattox's Second Annual "Little Miss" Pageant are now underway. It will be held May 29, 1982, 7:00 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School. It is being sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Women's Club, Inc.

We will have two age divisions - Little Miss, ages 5-8; Young Miss, ages 9-12. Entry fee is $15.00. Contestants may be parent or business sponsored. **Deadline for registration is May 7, 1982.** Contestants must live in Appomattox County or attend Appomattox County Schools.

Contestants will compete in Sportswear (not bathing suit) and Long Dress. There will be a winner and 4 runner-ups per division. Contestants not placing will be named "Princesses" and awarded a banner and trophy. Runner-ups will receive banner and larger trophy. Winners will be crowned with a tiara, receive banner, trophy, bouquet of flowers, and paid entry fee to the 1982 Virginia State Pageant.

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YOU'D NEVER GUESS, but the lovely lady holding the flowers celebrated her 93rd birthday recently. Mrs. Overton Moore lives alone, does most of her housework, and if 'just the right man' happened along, might get married again! Or is she kidding?

Ruth Moore celebrates

By Frances H. Paulette

It takes a lot of living to fill 93 years and Mrs. Ruth Overton Moore has filled her years beautifully. On March 25 she celebrated her 93rd birthday and enjoyed friends and relatives dropping by her apartment with gifts and good wishes.

An Appomattox native, she was married to the late James I. Moore. They lived for a time on a cattle farm in the Beckham area.

"Cattle was not the only thing on that farm," smiled Mrs. Moore." We had chickens too, 500 of them! I just hated chickens, so I didn't fool with them; I took care of the cattle and my husband 'tended the chickens."

"We ran a grocery store too," she continued," in the Beckham area, then at Stuarts Draft and finally we went to Roanoke and opened a Mick or Mack Store on Williamson Road. I remember the best grade coffee was 25 cents a pound."

Mr. Moore had bad health and the doctor ordered him to get out of the grocery store and stay out. They moved back to the Beckham area and he died in 1947 while living there.

"Before he died, my husband made me promise him I would never marry again," laughed Mrs. Moore, recalling her promise.

"But, I just might break that promise if I could find a good looking man with plenty of money to build me a house and get me out of this upstairs apartment and if he had a nice car to drive me around.....you know, at 93, I just might get married again!"

Mrs. Moore, who is unable to get out of her upstairs apartment without help, does, however, get her exercise daily.

"Every day, I get out on the balcony and walk, sometimes I walk up and down the balcony 40 times or even more. I just walk until I get tired," she said.

Mrs. Moore, who lives alone, does her own cooking, washing, except bed linen and part of her cleaning. Family members come in frequently to help with the heavy cleaning.

Mrs. Moore, who loves company, laughingly said, "I'll tell you what....when I get married again, you can come to the wedding and then write that up! How about it?"

Oakville club to meet

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 1:30 at the Oakville School.

The program topic will be Home Decorating and Cleaning by Mrs. Pat Davis. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Beverly Bowman, Mrs. Jessalyn Burcher, Mrs. Rebecca Covington and Mrs. Pat Davis.

All members are urged to attend.

MISS CASSIE BALDWIN of the Rocks Community, enjoyed a surprise birthday party on Sunday evening, March 28 at the Rocks Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Approximately 60 guests were on hand for the fellowship and fun. 'Miss Cassie', as she is affectionately known to her friends has been a Country Correspondent for THE TIMES VIRGINIAN for many years. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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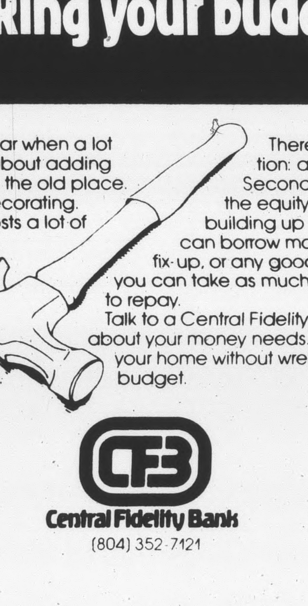

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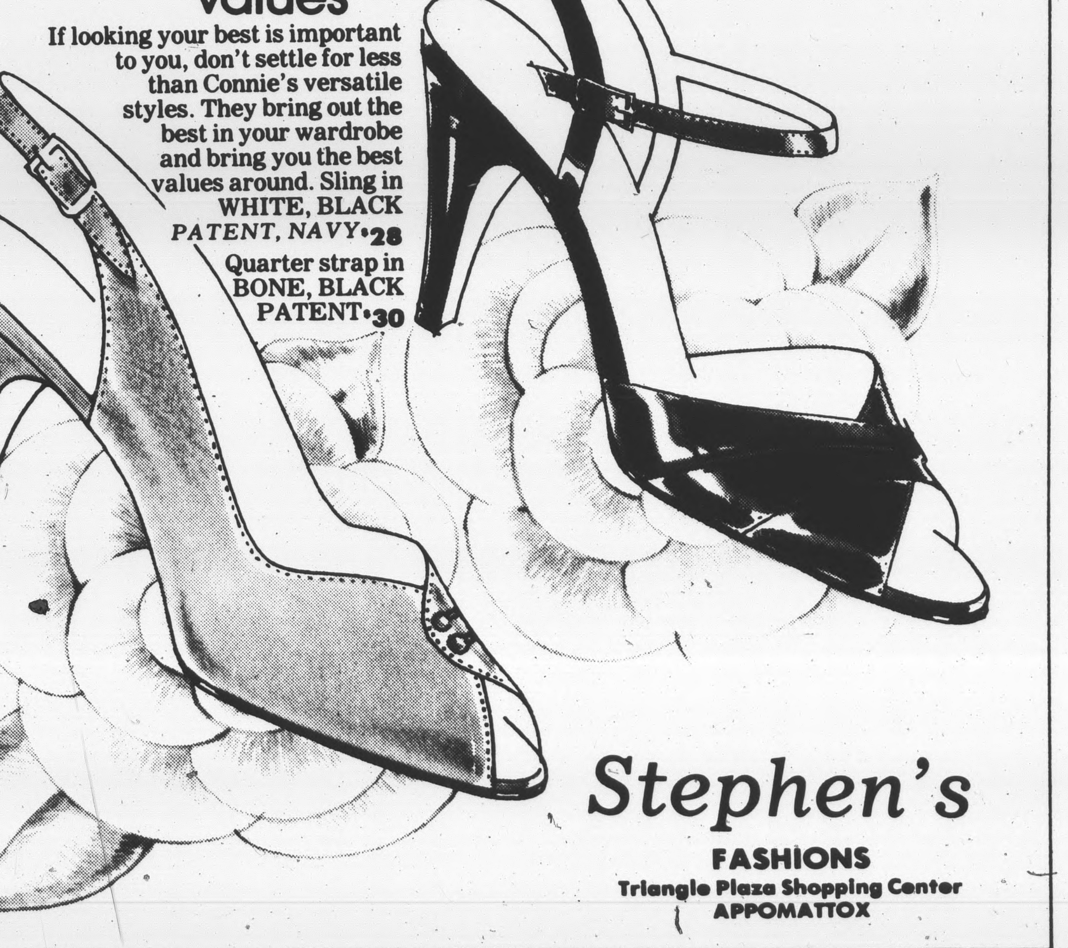

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